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CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Wednesday evening, March 28, 6:00, at Tavistock Country Club

CAROLINN SKYLER AND THE GLASS ARMONICA

A program combining the history of the instrument and performances by Carolinn Skyler

Join us for an evening filled with fun and fellowship.

Informal greetings begin at 6:00 with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres; dinner will follow at 7:00.

Reservations are \$50.00 per person. A reservation form has been included in this *Bulletin* for your convenience.

The Glass Armonica. If you've visited Franklin Court and Museum in Philadelphia, where Benjamin Franklin's house once stood, you've probably seen this rare musical instrument.

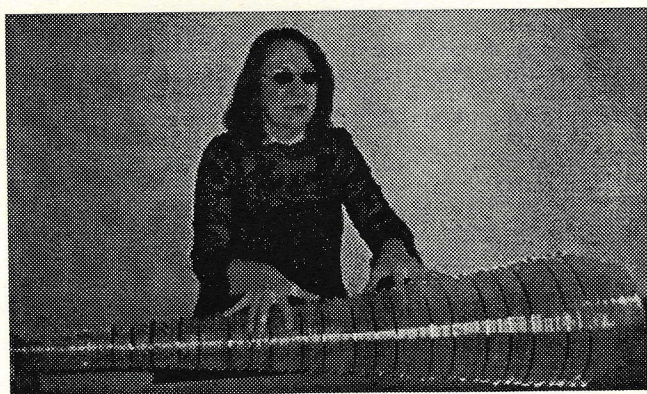
Music was one of Ben Franklin's many interests and talents. He had been entertained by performers on the "musical water glasses" popular in the 18th century and decided to build his own, but in a more convenient design. His invention, the Glass Armonica, was the first musical instrument invented by an American. Sounds were recreated by mounting bowls on a spindle, using a fly wheel and treadle to spin them and applying moistened fingers to the rims.

The new instrument attracted the attention of many, including the well-known Mozart and Beethoven, who wrote several selections for it. Franklin himself said, "Of all my inventions, the Glass Armonica has given me the greatest personal satisfaction."

You'll be able to hear what has been called the Music of Angels on Wednesday evening, March 28 at our Candlelight Dinner when Carolinn Skyler, well-known performer, will present her program. Ms. Skyler has a rich musical background which began at a very early age. By the time she was 5, she was composing music. She studied piano and organ at Boston

University and the University of California and has been playing the Glass Armonica for ten years. She is one of fewer than twenty-five performers who are able to play the instrument.

Carolinn has appeared in concerts and in broadcast media throughout the United States, including a performance at the Kimmel Center. For the past four summers, she has given daily history concert performances in Philadelphia's historic Old City.



Carolinn performing on the Glass Armonica

Make your arrangements now to enjoy this unique evening at our annual Candlelight Dinner.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that Ben Franklin, one of the most prolific American inventors, refused to patent any of his inventions? He declared, "As we enjoy great advantages from Inventions of others, we should be glad of an Opportunity to serve others by any Inventions of ours, and this we should do freely and generously."

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Dianne Snodgrass

Hello there, Members!

Here is a challenge for you. Can you name all those folks with whom you have spent hours down at the Historical Society working on one project or another? One of the most important responsibilities of a volunteer organization is to honor its volunteers without whom most groups such as ours would not survive. On Sunday, February 25, 2007, we held our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Open House and New Member Reception**. Committee chairs compiled lists of helpers. An integrated master list was created of all who volunteered in 2006 - an astonishing **118!** Many of them served in multiple capacities. We did wear name tags! At most of our 2006 events pictures were taken and at our Reception many were displayed. Memories are special; it's always a fun thing to find yourself in a photo, yes? Thank you, dedicated and loyal volunteers.

I shall take a big chance and attempt to name all of our 2006 volunteers by category or event. You worked so hard for the Historical Society; you deserve this. And, up front, if I have omitted your name by accident, I wish you would let me know. I'll apologize now.

Officers and Board of Trustees: Dianne Snodgrass, President; Steve Kessler, Vice President; Bob Hilgen, Treasurer; Pat Lennon, Recording Secretary; Helene Zimmer-Loew, Corresponding Secretary; Bob Marshall, Immediate Past President; Trustees: John Burmaster, Carol Carty, Craig Ebner, Joe Haro, Rob Kugler, Carol Malcarney, Connie McCaffrey, Tom Mervine, Shirley Raynor, Warren Reintzel, Carol Smith, Karen Weaver.

Committee Chairs:

Antique Clock Maintenance: Don Harris

Building : Ruth Sine

Cellar Tool Collection: Don Wallace, Rich Cunliffe, Parker Griffeth, Glenn Martin, Gus Winder.

Doll Collection: Shirley Raynor

Education: Ann Biddle, Becky Bryan, Debbie Mervine, Shirley Raynor

Exhibits: Liz Albert, Jeff Edson, Ruth Sine, Dianne and Steve Snodgrass

First Sunday Volunteer: Pearl Barry

Fund Raising: Carol Smith

Grounds: Bob Marshall, Christine Courtney, Joe McCaffrey

Library: Kathy Tassini, Charlesanna Fallstick, Jean Gutsmuth, Pat Lennon, Betty Lyons, Nancy Mattis, Doug Rauschenberger, June Truitt, Zizi Zaleski.

Membership: Barbara Hilgen, Betsy Anderson

Museum Shop: Carol Malcarney, Connie McCaffrey, Dinny Traver

Publicity and Bulletin: Connie Reeves, Ed Reeves, Carol Harkins

Rentals: Steve Kessler

The Garden Dedication in May: Bob Marshall, John Burmaster, Christine Courtney, Bob and Barbara Hilgen, David Hunter, Steve Kessler, Connie and Ed Reeves.

The Village Fair in June: The Haddonfield Pick Up Band, Ann Biddle, Pearl Barry, Tracy Marchetta and Family, Joe Murphy, Dianne Snodgrass, Karen Weaver, Carol Zelenski

Founder's Day in June: Friends from Haddonfield Meeting, Betsy Anderson, Kathleen Brunette, John Burmaster, Carol Carty, Susan Christy, John and Virginia Dowd, Craig Ebner, Katherine Hanadel, Barbara Hilgen, Alana Kelly, Darlene Kelly, Steve Kessler, Betty Lyons, Carol Malcarney, Connie McCaffrey, Mary Ann McIntyre, Joe Murphy, Becky Pease, Connie Reeves, Ruth Sine, Dianne and Steve Snodgrass, Kathy Tassini, Karen Weaver, Carol Zelenski.

Fourth of July: Jean Gutsmuth, Joe Murphy, Dianne Snodgrass.

October Haunted Haddonfield Tours: Nancy Martin, Barbara Hilgen, Carol Smith.

October Halloween Haunted House: Nancy Martin, Tom and Yvonne Carpenter, Barbara Hilgen, Stephen, Marcy, Jack and Craig Melendes, Debbie Mervine, Rebecca Bryan and Girl Scouts: Kenzie Belling, Aubrey Bryan, Katie Dougherty, Talia Dunyak, Lauren Poliero, Emma Sanger-Johnson, Maura Trotman, Ayumi Tsuda, Maggie Wood, Jim and Debbie Hansen and outside crew: Michelle Brigham, Anthony DiSantis, Scott and Pam Moore, Kristy Pierotti, Marcus Severs; Joe Murphy, Connie Reeves, Ruth Sine, Jeffrey Smith.

Silver Tea and Fashion Show in November: Carol Carty and Virginia Dowd, Betsy Anderson, Kathleen Brunette, Susan Christy, Craig Ebner, Gene Kain, Darlene Kelly, Rob Kugler, Carol Malcarney, Connie McCaffrey, Ruth Sine, Dianne Snodgrass, Janice Stedman, Dinny Traver, June Truitt, Toni Vielehr, Eleanor Young, Alana Kelly, Morgan Kenny, Sarah Kasama, Kayli Gilchrist, Jolie Gralick, Lisa Teti, Alex Marshall, Katie Smith, Rebecca Bryan, Pam Chase, Katherine Hanadel, Marsha Marshall, Connie Reeves, Helene Zimmer-Loew.

Holly Festival in December: Ann Biddle, Thomas Biddle, John Burmaster, Susan Christy, Sarah Cranston, Jean Gutsmath, Barbara Hilgen, Alana Kelly, Andrea Kelly, Darlene Kelly, Jane King, Lydia Krueger, Carol Malcarney, Bob Marshall, Phyliss Marshall, Chris Martin, Connie McCaffrey, Joe Murphy, Dot Rouh, Carol Smith, Dianne Snodgrass, Dinny Traver, June Truitt, Carol Zelenski.

And, there you have it! I continue to feel that one of the most enjoyable aspects of being a member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield is to be able to volunteer beside others who like the same things I do. I have met people I probably would not have met otherwise; they have enriched my world. I certainly wish the same experience for you. Thank you, all **118!**

BEHIND THE SCENES

All functions sponsored by the Society -- from meetings and receptions to fund-raising activities -- require a group of volunteers to be working behind the scenes. As our president, Dianne, wrote on her page, we are most fortunate to have such an extensive group of capable volunteers.

Planning for the 2007 Volunteer Appreciation Open House and New Member Reception was done by Carol Malcarney and Connie McCaffrey. Read the article in the next column and you'll realize that serving food in a historical setting such as Greenfield Hall requires a bit of research.



Girl Scouts of Troop 555,
of the Lutheran Church in Haddonfield,
led by Becky Bryan,
enjoy Abe Lincoln's favorite food in the front parlor.

The young ladies were part of our
Haunted Mansion cast last Halloween,
populating Greenfield Hall
as ghosts and goblins.

We are happy to have their
enthusiastic help.

FOOD FOR THE PRESIDENTS

by Connie McCaffrey

If you attended the February .25, 2007 Sunday afternoon reception to honor our volunteers, you also had a serving of "Presidential Food History." Did you know that George Washington's favorite food was ice cream? That was our dessert offering. There were jelly beans to honor Ronald Reagan and pie tarts, a favorite of John Adams. Eisenhower's favorite food was steak, thus our steak sandwiches. Abe Lincoln loved fruits and cheese -- easy to accommodate him at any gathering. The corn bread was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson. Our own recent presidents, Joe Murphy and Bob Marshall, admitted to loving Italian pasta and meatballs. Carol Malcarney's casserole filled that request. Of course, we served "Presidential Punch" (the non-alcoholic version).

Not all historical sources agree on the favorite foods of all the presidents, except for George Washington. All agree however, that he truly loved his ice cream.



Carol Malcarney and Connie McCaffrey
replenishing the "Presidential Punch"

AN OFFER FROM THE ROTARY CLUB

You can help Rotary help the Historical Society ... on Friday, March 16.

We are delighted to announce that our project to erect a gazebo in the Gardens of Greenfield Hall will receive a huge boost in March, thanks to a creative partnership between the Rotary Club of Haddonfield and Joe Murphy, a past president of the Society and a former member of the Club.

Rotary and Joe have jointly pledged to match money raised by the Society for the gazebo - 2 for 1. If we can raise \$5,000, they will add \$10,000!



Rotary's share will come from the proceeds of its annual Supper and Auction, to be held in the Central School's all-purpose room on Friday, March 16. The supper will begin at 5:30 PM with the auction following at 6:30.

Society members, their friends and families can help the project along by purchasing tickets for the Supper and bidding for items at the Auction.

The Oyster Supper Goes Irish

The scrumptious fried oysters that have been the featured entree item at the Supper for the past 13 years will be supplemented, this year, by an additional entree: corned beef and cabbage. To emphasize the connection with St. Patrick's Day (the following day), a talented father-and-son duo, The Fiddle & Flute, will play favorite Irish melodies, table-side, during the supper.

Tickets for the Supper are \$17 (\$8 for children) and can be purchased downtown at the Mane Stop and McNelis & Sherry Jewelers (both located in The Shops at 116, formerly known as the Mini-Mall), Stephen J. Wiseley Jewelers (115 Kings Highway East), Robert D. Hubbard Engineers (10 Tanner Street), and Computer Business Systems (15 Mechanic Street). Tickets may also be purchased by calling Chuck Davis at 428-6231 prior to March 9. The event usually sells out, so don't count on tickets being available at the door.

The Great Rotary Auction

Members of the Rotary Club have amassed such a vast array of items for the auction that they are billing the event as **The Great Rotary Auction**. In addition to the restaurant certificates, gift baskets, and pro-sports tickets that have become staples of silent auctions, the Club will offer a wide variety of

contributions from Rotarians themselves. Society member Jim Tassini has donated a 19th century paint-decorated, plank-seat, antique **rocking chair**. Doug Rauschenberger has donated a **culinary and ornamental herb garden** of twenty items to be planted to your specifications in your garden.

Bill Reynolds is offering to host a **Saturday trip for two** in the fall of 2007 to the Avalon Fishing Club, for a day of striper fishing (all equipment - and lunch - provided). David Hunter, the Rotary Club president, is contributing not only a full **page ad in What's On** (which a savvy business owner could snap up at a bargain price) but also a **hot-air balloon ride** over Lancaster County. And our Historical Society will be offering a **Life Membership** as well as a lovely **gift basket** of goodies from our Museum Shop.

The Rotary Club will be thrilled to hear from Historical Society members who would like donate items - especially small antiques, for example - in support of the auction. Call Kathy Ross at 429-5637 x 1336 if you wish to contribute.

A list of auction items will be published in What's On on March 9, and daily updates will be posted on the Club's Web site: HaddonfieldRotary.org. Also, everyone who enters the auction room prior to 6:30 PM will receive a free ticket in a drawing for a night at the White Lilac Inn in Spring Lake, NJ (popularly known as The Irish Riviera), courtesy of a reciprocal arrangement with Fred and Nancy Chorpita of The Haddonfield Inn.

Please mark your calendar for March 16 and join fellow members of the Society for great food, great fun, and great bargains ... for a truly great cause: **our new gazebo!**

JOE MURPHY MATCH CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITY

by Dianne Snodgrass

So very exciting it is about the Joe Murphy Match Challenge that you'll want to play along. Here's the background. Joe Murphy, our Historical Society's past President from 1998 to 2002, **has pledged \$20,000 toward the beautification and maintenance of the Gardens at Greenfield Hall!** Thank you, Joe, for your wonderful generosity.

Our challenge now is to match this amount, and thus far we are happy to announce that we have received \$5,200 in donations. With Joe's match there is now \$10,400 in the kitty. If you are one of the donors, we thank you very much. If you are not, jump aboard. Why not? Every amount counts as the "thermometer" climbs toward that magic number of \$40,000.

Please don't confuse this opportunity with the Haddonfield Rotary-Joe Murphy 2 for 1 match challenge in the previous article. This is a separate challenge.

HISTORICAL HADDONFIELD SPORTS

By Betty Lyons

Cricket was very popular in the late 1800's. It was on Memorial Day in 1893 that the new home of the Haddonfield Cricket Club was opened. Blue and white, the club color, decorated the club house for an opening reception for the members. Permanent decorations on the walls or hanging from the ceilings included items from other area sports: baseball bats, golf clubs, tennis rackets, and the various balls needed for these games. Tables were filled with food and committee members circulated throughout the building pointing out the facilities of the club and the grounds outside which that night were flying the club's flags under a full moon. The Athletic Association provided the entertainment as 300 people danced to the current tunes of the day played by the string orchestra.

The club house was offered to other organizations for their use as well. The first big event to be held on the club's grounds was the People's Columbian Celebration of the 1893 Fourth of July Party to honor the patriotic holiday. It was an all day affair. The entrance to the Club House was either by way of the railroad tracks or Euclid Avenue, but on this particular night the tracks were closed off to the public because of extra trains put on service for the holiday.

This spectacular Fourth of July evening got off to a rousing start with the Liberty Band of Philadelphia. Colonel Jesse E. Peyton, for whom Peyton Avenue is named, gave the major address followed by The Young Men's Liberty Society featuring marches from the band and the national anthem. The hundreds on hand watched a drill done by the Sixth Regiment Gun Detachment. The band played on until it finally got dark enough to end the party with a dazzling display of fireworks, a practice which has continued throughout the years.

There were numerous regular games played with a number of South Jersey teams as well as clubs in Philadelphia. Social events took place in the club house and on the well kept grounds which were decorated for every holiday.

Team sports were always an integral part of life at

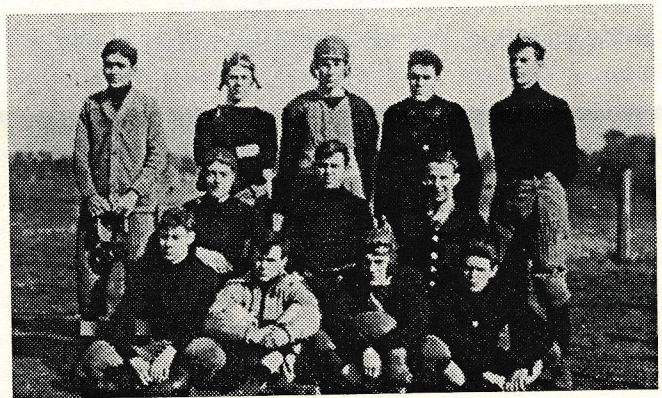


1910 HHS baseball team

Haddonfield High School. Each year, at the try-outs, selections were made among those who volunteered to play and also to manage the teams.

In 1910, Haddonfield High School enjoyed its most successful **baseball** season ever, winning thirteen of sixteen games. Not yet called the Memorial High School, the team got most of its starting players back the following year. They were very proud of their victories against Bridgeton and Vineland, but the one which gave them the most joy was beating Camden for the first time in the school's history. The worst game they played was at Jenkintown when Abington Friends School scored in the first inning and then became the winner of some of the umpire's rare calls.

In 1914, the high school **football** team played its annual game against the alumni, an event no longer enjoyed. The younger team won 9 to 3, and there were many discussions throughout the session. An excuse for the alumni: the high school team had already played against its regular opponents of Woodbury, Camden, Bridgeton, Moorestown and the like, so they had had some practice together, unlike the alumni.



HHS football team in 1908

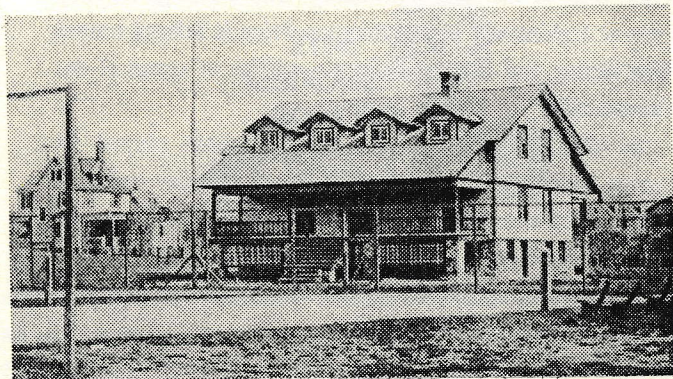
Hockey was one of the favorite sports of the high school girls in the early 1920's. Most of the games were played on Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Opponents at that time included Germantown, Temple University, Moorestown, Merion, Riverton, Philadelphia and Lansdowne.

The **Haddonfield Athletic Association** was formed in April, 1906. A review of its organization three months later on June 27 showed that it had progressed faster than any other club in town. There had been a lot of opposition and skepticism by local residents, but the promoters went ahead and showed that good management and good judgment were all that was needed to put the idea across.

The group's headquarters were located at the foot of Euclid Avenue. Borders of beautiful trees shaded the front entrance area from which one could watch the trolleys which

ran every few minutes on Haddon Avenue. The ball field and the club house were on land owned by Samuel Wood, part of the former Elizabeth Haddon plantation. The club progressed very quickly first by paying for all new uniforms and equipment for the youngsters, getting the grounds ready for baseball and getting ready to host a second team.

Tennis was extremely popular for those out of high school. The West Jersey Tennis Club had its headquarters in West Haddonfield on what is now the Elizabeth Haddon School Grounds. Some of the best players in the area played on these courts.



The West Haddonfield Tennis Club House

The club house also served as the local kindergarten.

This wooden structure was built with a number of steps, probably about 20, in the back where the tennis courts were located. The steps could be used as a grandstand and other people could stand on the grey painted porch watching the games. In the front there were fewer steps for the young school children to use to go to class

There was also the Haddon Field Club which at one time was along Sylvan Lake Avenue. Later this club moved to the end of Elm Avenue and still is the area for many happy tennis players to practice and to play. A few people had tennis courts in their back yards such as the small two-court one on Greenman Road, just at the border of Haddon Township, where many children played on Saturdays.

About 30 high school students took part in the **Track Team** which had successful meets with other local high schools in the area. Almost all the area high schools had tracks for the runners, and at the conclusion of the year they would go to Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania to compete in the finals.

At one time there were many **bicyclists** who were planning an actual track around Haddonfield. The earliest try at this was in the early 1900's. Later, during the period of World War II, the idea was born again. There was a specific street layout but because of so much automobile traffic, the idea did not catch on. Individuals chose any roads they wished even though there were some markers for bicycle routes all over

town. Unlike many cities in Europe where the paths are clearly marked and automobiles are forbidden to park or travel, it soon became evident that the streets were not wide enough for that kind of permanent trail.

Evans Pond was a great place for **canoeing** and great races were held to show off paddling skills with canoes owned by locals or rented from the shore-side boating cabins along the Pond. Moonlight nights were favorites as were the beautiful weekends with the sun shining for romantic couples.

Whether it was **walking** in Crows Woods, **running** on the streets, participating in official games or just watching others play, Haddonfielders have always been athletically inclined and interested in supporting all forms of sporting activities. The sports exhibit in Greenfield Hall will hopefully evoke happy memories from times past.

Almost everyone who has played team sports has had pictures taken with fellow players. If you have pictures such as those of the various teams pictured in this article, we would be happy to have copies of them. These photographs were recently given to us, and if you know who any of the players are, please do tell us about them.



HHS Basketball team, 1910-11



HHS Basketball team 1909-10

GREENFIELD HALL IS REALLY COOL

by Ann Biddle

Frankie said it first, "Greenfield Hall is really cool!!!" Then Anna Lise confirmed it, "Greenfield Hall is very cool and interesting." It's official. Greenfield Hall has been proclaimed a "cool" place to go by third graders. Not too shabby a distinction when you consider the stiff competition for a nine year old's attention. Our proof comes from the unique, honest and sometimes hilarious letters we receive from our young visitors. Their comments, and observations are the highlight of the Education department's year and we want to share them with our members.

When the third graders come to Greenfield Hall, they are given a sampler of Haddonfield life from Elizabeth Haddon's era until the Victorian age. Since the amount of information shared is so vast, we often wonder what stands out in our visitors' young and imaginative minds. The letters written to thank us for their visits give some insight. The busy-body on the second floor gets quite a bit of attention. The clever contraption of angled mirrors gives a clear view of the front door even from the upper floor. In the world of closed circuit surveillance, the children still give it rave reviews. Kelly thinks, "That was very cool. That would be sort of like having Caller I.D." Lizzie declared, "The busy body was the coolest device in the whole house," and Anna Lise wrote, "It's like having a bird's eye view of visitors."

The stereoscope in the Victorian Parlor always gets some comments. Children still use the "modern" plastic version called the View Master and are always surprised to learn the "technology" has been around for a long time. Cami commented, "Also, the antique view master was cool. I didn't know they had them back then. And it was 3-D! That's a bonus." Angela thought, "The antique view master was really cool. Back then it was probably entertaining."

The commode chair in the second floor bedroom gets

very careful commentary, probably because the letters are written under the close scrutiny of teachers. Olivia felt, "that toilet chair was gross- ick!" Hannah diplomatically wrote, "I thought that was really unusual." Chris, an obviously practical child, commented, "I'm glad I didn't have to clean it out."

The most gratifying aspect of the letters is the impact visiting Greenfield Hall has on their opinion of history. Anna Lise confessed, "I thought history was not very interesting, but now I think that it is cool. History is fun and interesting when you SEE it." Emily had a philosophical as well as a practical view of history, "I think it is important to learn about the way people used to live. I will use this information in the future by being grateful for the things that we have today, for example, working toilets!" Then there are the dreamers like Amy, "I've always wanted to live the way people lived in the 1700's and 1800's. I would like to learn to be a blacksmith, but I know they wouldn't have let a girl do that job." Sometimes the result of the tour has a more quantitative slant as it did for Ethan, "I will use this information in a pop quiz or use it in a spelling story."

Finally there are the children who find the tour memorable just because they were out of the classroom. Stephen was impressed with our beautiful garden, "My favorite part was when we used the backyard as a race track." Maybe not the vision of the HSH Board when the gardens were planned but certainly a bonus. And one of my favorite comments was written by Ethan, who will make a very romantic husband someday. "I liked John Gill's life because to show he loved Elizabeth, he built a house for her." The Education Department, as well as all HSH members, shares Ethan's appreciation. We certainly are glad John Gill IV built Greenfield Hall, because it allows us to share our rich Haddonfield heritage with the next generation.

DON'T FORGET

Our newly reorganized Museum Shop handles a variety of lovely gifts including locally produced honey and honey spreads, pottery, MoonSpoon honey dippers, spreaders and spoons, candles, pottery, broom artistry, and imaginative children's aprons. Of course, the "old" gifts we've had in the past are still available: note cards, historical post cards, paper weights and much more.

Come to browse through the store and discover the many Society publications highlighting Haddonfield throughout the years. Learn about the interesting background of the Society's headquarters, Greenfield Hall, in *Elizabeth French Gill: First Mistress of Greenfield Hall*. Did you know that a famous paleontologist, Edward Drinker Cope, once lived on Kings Highway? Read the story in *Remembering the Cope-Pharo House*. For the definitive book on how the town once looked, there's *Lost Haddonfield*, now in its second printing.

Of course, all items are discounted 10% for our members -- an added incentive to use these lovely gifts for your family and friends.

LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS IN HADDONFIELD

by Kathy Tassini

With the retirement of Doug Rauschenberger as Director of the Haddonfield Public Library, I was asked to write briefly about the history of the public library and the librarians for this month's *Bulletin*. Although the history of libraries in Haddonfield goes back to March of 1803 when the Haddonfield Library Company was organized, that library was established as a subscription library and continues to exist even to the present day. Individuals had to pay a membership fee to use the collections and it further restricted the collections to non-fiction materials.

The second library in Haddonfield, the Haddon Institute, was established in 1854. Like the Library Company, it too was a subscription library, but it differed in that it chose to purchase fiction as well as non-fiction materials. These two organizations functioned in shared harmony until about 1875 when the Haddon Institute closed while the Library Company continued. In the 1880's a new entity, The Haddon Athenaeum and Free Reading Room Association, was established. The Athenaeum was also a subscription library which operated as a separate entity although it also ultimately shared space and collections with the Library Company.

In December of 1909, the Haddonfield Free Public Library was established. The Athenaeum had asked the Borough to take over its building and collections. Initially, a group of residents made an attempt to secure a new library building from Andrew Carnegie but were unsuccessful in that endeavor. The proposal for a Free Public Library in Haddonfield was approved by public ballot in November, 1909 and the new Public Library took over the buildings and collections of The Haddon Athenaeum on Chestnut Street. Like its predecessors, the Public Library continued to work in harmony with the continuously operating Library Company.

In the ninety-eight years of the Haddonfield Public Library, it is interesting to note that there have been a total of four Library Directors. Obviously, it is a job with great longevity. The first librarian was the inimitable and imposing Anna Lawrie Cawley. "Miss Cawley," as she was always referred to, oversaw the library through many major changes from its incorporation in 1909 until 1944.

The late Joseph Nicholson Hartel, father of the Historical Society's current president, Dianne Hartel Snodgrass, and son of an early noted local historian, Carrie Elizabeth Nicholson Hartel, told the story of Miss Cawley's reputation with little boys. The word on the street, back in Joe's day, was that she "ate little boys" – obviously children were not the fixture in the library that they are today. One day Joe's mother sent him to the library with a note for Miss Cawley asking her to send a

particular volume to her by entrusting it to Joseph. He remembered clearly the trepidation he felt upon entering the library, fearfully facing the venerable librarian. He always said, even into his eighties, that he could not enter the library without experiencing for a brief moment the same panic he had felt on that fateful day.

During Miss Cawley's tenure as Librarian, the idea of a shared building for the Public Library and Historical Society was proposed. A site at the intersection of Haddon Avenue and Tanner Street was donated by sisters Sarah and Rebecca Nicholson who lived across the street in the John Estaugh Hopkins house at 65 Haddon Avenue. Funding was raised throughout the town and the construction on the new "Haddonfield Public Library and Historical Society Building" began in 1917. The building was not completed until after the end of WWI in 1919 due to wartime shortages. Even though the shared character of the building is clearly spelled out over the entry to the library, most people are absolutely amazed to find out that the building was a shared facility between the library and Historical Society. Sadly, the size of the building quickly proved to be inadequate to its dual mission. It could not handle the growing collections of either the Library or Historical Society, and although a mezzanine was added in 1922, that temporary solution was also soon outgrown. In 1937, the Historical Society's interest in the Public Library Building was bought out by the Borough and its collections were removed when the Society purchased one of the Three Sisters Houses, 231 Kings Highway East, adjacent to the Indian King Tavern.

Miss Cawley continued as the Librarian for Haddonfield until 1943 when she had to give up the position due to ill health. She was temporarily replaced by Miss Beatrice Stackhouse in 1943. Bea Stackhouse had worked at the Haddonfield Public Library since 1930. She was officially named second Librarian of the Haddonfield Public Library in 1944. She became Bea Stackhouse Stuckert in 1946, and continued as Borough Librarian until 1973. During Bea Stuckert's tenure, the 150th anniversary of the Library Company was celebrated. By the late 1950's, it had become evident that the library building was again inadequate for the growing needs of the Haddonfield community. Under her tenure the library was expanded in a building program that ran from 1957 to 1960 when a new two-story addition was dedicated.

Bea Stuckert was succeeded as Library Director by Gladys Bewley in 1973. Gladys, who was given the moniker "Bulldozer Bewley" when she told the Library Board that the solution to the ongoing space, flooding and leaking problems in the venerable library building was to take a bulldozer to it, was

succeeded by Douglas B. Rauschenberger who retired in January of 2007 after twenty-five years as Library Director. Based on the longevity of her four predecessors, Susan Briant, the new Director of the Haddonfield Public Library, should be a welcome addition to the community for many years to come. Her great wealth of experience at Pennsauken, the NJ State Library and Burlington County College Library will stand her in good stead to serve the community, as have her four outstanding predecessors.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB MARSHALL NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

By John Burmaster

Immediate past president of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Bob Marshall, was named the Citizen of the Year at the Mayor's Breakfast on January 20th. Bob was cited for his many accomplishments in the town including his work at the Historical Society, his efforts to insure that the replacement of the Maple Avenue bridge was sensitive to the historic nature of our town, and his work as a member of the Friends of the Library and, more recently, on the Library Board of Trustees.

Members of the Society are familiar with his efforts to convert what was once an overgrown area with a small patch of grass behind the garage into an elegant garden that is a significant addition to both the beauty and usefulness of Greenfield Hall. The garden has already been used for Historical Society events, community activities and several weddings. Bob was also instrumental in reaching an exclusive agreement with a caterer that will strengthen the financial stability of the Society.

When the New Jersey Department of Transportation determined that the old wooden bridge on Maple Avenue was no longer safe and needed to be replaced, Bob played a significant role in insuring that the replacement of the bridge was sensitive to community needs and fit into the character of the community. Bob spent many hours working with engineers and designers to get a bridge that is compatible with the original bridge design and incorporated the original cast iron railing.

Bob was chair or co-chair (when the job became too big for one person) of the Friends of the Library annual book sale for over 12 years. In that time the sale has become one of the major community events on the Borough's calendar. When Bob started his work on the sale, it raised around \$2,000. Now it raises over \$10,000 a year and the funds are used to support the Children's Summer Reading Program and to purchase equipment and materials for the library.

In his acceptance comments, Bob mentioned that the carpenter who did the work on an addition to his home had made the comment "Any jackass can knock down a barn; it takes a carpenter to build one." Bob said that Haddonfield was a community of carpenters. He cited many of the people in the community that build Haddonfield up rather than tearing it down, including other members of the Historical Society.

Bob has a B.A from Cook College and a law degree from Seton Hall. He serves in the N.J. Attorney General's office in Trenton. Bob and his wife, Marsha, a school teacher in Maple Shade and a member of the Haddonfield Board of Education, have lived on Maple Avenue since 1986. Their daughter, Alexandra, is an 8th grade student at the Middle School. Bob's mother, Phyllis Marshall, lives at the Haddonfield Commons.



The Historical Society thanks
COMMERCE BANK
for underwriting Carolinn Skyler's
Candlelight Dinner performance.

Our website,
www.historicalsocietyofhaddonfield.org,
will keep you in touch with
what's going on in the Society
and also has stories archived
from previous issues of the *Bulletin*.

FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS GAS STATION COLUMN

Come back and read this, Ladies. You really need to know.

by Don Wallace

After my "Beep, Beep! Honk, Honk! Ah-oogah!" column was published in the previous *Bulletin* (Volume 50, No. 4, November 2006), I took copies and distributed them, by hand and on foot, to each of the former gas station locations. This was my way of tying in this excellent house museum, Greenfield Hall, with "Historic Haddonfield's" downtown business district in a symbiotic relationship that is beneficial for all. We need each other!

So here is a recounting of that experience:

1. **The Bank at 17 West Kings Highway** is now open for business! When I gave their copy to a construction worker who promised me that he would place it on a top executive's desk, he disappeared into the building to fulfill my wishes, I hope! This had been Charlie Bosch's Atlantic Station. (Atlantic Refining Company, then Atlantic Richfield, then ARCO, then out of this market.)

2. **Todaro's Fresh Market** - I am sorry to see that it is going out of business now with a "Store Closing Sale." This was formerly Ed Clement's Esso station.

3. **Anthony's Hair Fashions** - I had to apologize to Anthony that we inadvertently left his business name off the listing. He was very understanding and said that it didn't matter...BUT IT DID! Please help me to make this up to him. Get your hair styled and cut there! Thank you. This was formerly "Doc" Fisher's Bicycle Shop with two gas pumps at the curb on Kings Highway.

4. **Jay-West**, the beautiful wedding and prom gown emporium was a real de ja vue moment. There was Mrs. Ann Tomlinson, wife of Warren and mother of Ken Tomlinson (proprietor of the Hinski-Tomlinson Funeral Home) who proceeded to give me a tour of the Jay-West basement. There was the old "grease pit" that a car was parked over in order to lubricate and service its underside, back before lifts were installed for that purpose. It is still there! Ask to see it when you go in there to order a new gown, but please be careful. I knew that you ladies would like this story of lost Haddonfield. This was a Mobile Oil (Mobil) Station, but I'm certain that there exists a picture of it with a TYDOL sign on the wall of the building next to it on King's Highway, well above and behind the station as you looked from the opposite corner. I'll research that with Kathy Tassini.

5. **Starbuck's**. I left a copy with the store manager. This was formerly McGirr's Sonoco Station.

6. **Luigi and Tony** were gracious and smiling approval. *Lost Haddonfield* shows this to be a Sinclair Station on Page 59. It was next to the old *Haddon Gazette* building of Victor Clymer and then his son, George Clymer, which was the name of the printer of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. I had called on them for years as a printing paper salesman, and I regret never having brought up this potential connection. I sold them a lot of Hammermill Bond, but I guess that I never knew this fact then. "Ach, ve grow too fast alt, und too late schmart!" This saying hung in many print shops - and always with a German accent.

6. **The Candy Buffet**, on this same corner, had first become the "Apothecary Shoppe" for many years after the Sinclair Station was gone. These corner gas stations on this side of the Highway were long and slender lots leaving plenty of space (but never enough) for cars awaiting service or pick-up. I seem to remember their being cinder-ash paved and porous with puddles! But the best part of this story is that Jack Whitcraft, proprietor of The Candy Buffet, gets a lot of tourist questions because of his wonderful location at this southeast corner of Haddon and The Kings Highway. He is interested in trying to answer the questions that come his way, and expressed a wish that he knew more about Haddonfield's history. I couldn't get him my extra copy of *Lost Haddonfield* fast enough. I showed him the Sinclair Station that had been here through the 1940's, and Braddock's Pharmacy cum Hardware Store on the opposite corner, later Mike Orlando's Kingsway Hardware now The Happy Hippo, and the Little Theatre and the two old sycamore trees. Next, I'll have to point out the house that was moved around right there so that South Haddon Avenue could cross King's Highway and continue to Ellis Street where the Key Largo Cafe sits today at the point.

I bought some sugar-free Asher's dark chocolate from Jack and it's gone already. Fantastic! And as reported in AARP's latest magazine, "with just one and a half ounces of dark chocolate, people showed improved arterial blood flow and elasticity..." so we will try to eat it more gradually, but how's that for a Valentine? Perhaps you might just drop in on Jack and give him the benefit of your historical knowledge of the neighborhood. Do you really think that you should check with your doctor before trying Jack's chocolate? Do you really think your doctor wants to hear from anyone or advise anyone who calls as a result of those advertisers' disclaimers? Still with me, Ladies?

7 and 8. Helen Mountney told me, and Larry Alff confirms, that there was another third-gas-station in-a-row at Lake Street and Grove, believing it to have been a TYDOL or Richfield Station, having a short life-span into the fifties.

9. Still operating...**Jim Dunn's Grove Auto Service** and,

10. **Carl's Sunoco**, founded by Carl Niewkirk, now owned by Jim Jones, both still going strong. The only two gas stations in town today!

11. **Lotierzo's (or Jason Wisely)** where the famous Bread Board stands today with its great "All-you-can- eat" Soup and Salad Bar bargain every Friday evening. This was first a United, then a Merit station which covered the area of the Cookie Store as well at the other corner of Wayne and Haddon.

12. **Maynes' Texaco** was apparently on the east side of Haddon Avenue where Rite Aid's parking lot is today. Sorry for the spelling and location error on my part, but wasn't there a station on the west side of Haddon across from the Estates business section? Always a somewhat nondescript area with garages and other services until The Commons was built there.

13. **Commerce Bank.** The manager, Ms. Lamaina, was grateful for the recognition and the historical information. This is the location where Warren Tomlinson, Sr. and Mike Barnes partnered (Mobil) after WWII when gasoline became plentiful again. The Barnes family owned the property. When I told her that I had known a Larry Lamaina (pronounced with an "n'ya") in Haddonfield High School, she informed me that he is her uncle who has retired to Ocean City. It brought back good memories of a very funny and eager young man.

I hadn't counted the first Tanner Street location of Warren Tomlinson, Sr. because, although I had been reminded of it, I couldn't remember it and it seemed like just a removal or duplication to me. But with the Tomlinson, Sr. and Jr. connections and change of brands, I now feel that we should definitely count these as two separate stations. Ken Tomlinson guided me to a spot still in front of 40 Tanner Street, across from the library, where the curb still indicates a ramp that led into this gas station, a Richfield Station, I believe. Currently a photographer resides there, Collette Oswald.

14. **30 North Haddon -** Thomas Paschos & Associates, P.C., I must appologize again for my misspelling of his name. But when I walked into Brandid Promotions, I found a family friend of Bill Goulburn's and I hope that they have gotten in touch again by now.

15. A nice visit with **Mark Lenny**. How gracious he was in seeing me on the spur of the moment. He suggested that I confer with Bob Hubbard on the locations of all the old gas stations. I have, but in trying to reach Bob in order to follow up, I learned that he is sleeping tonight with the homeless at the Baptist Church. Is this a town of volunteers, or what?

16. The Van Meter Mobil Station at Ellis and Walnut Streets where I delivered to the manager of **The Bank of America** who was very pleasant and cordial.

There were other stops like that, but Helen Mountney has come up with another gas station at 128 Kings Highway where the H.K. Thaine Gallery and an upholstery shop are located. Not only is this news to me, since I only got here in 1940, but I do remember Doug Merrill's jewelry shop in that location. If this proves to be true I would say that with a leeway of three gas stations plus or minus, there were at least eighteen or nineteen in the decade of the forties, plus or minus a few years. Late update, to allow for some statistical accuracy: local historian, Parker Griffith, tells me that his cousin, Howard Hunt, had a garage in the back of this property to service his Hudson Terraplane dealership. It was not a gas station, which brings our count back to eighteen (18) gas stations in town. Thank you Helen and Parker!

Now here's a real problem for you to solve: we need a length of black elastic banding. Enough to stretch tightly around a big head to hold the driver's goggles that Bill Goulburn has donated among all the other auto tools and accessories that he has provided. It can be either 1/4" or 3/8" wide so that we can make these safety goggles complete. They were worn back before windshields were perfected or effective. You will be helping to complete the picture of the early open automobiles and their goggled, slouch-hatted, top-coated drivers who frightened the horses and chickens as they sped past. Not to blow my own horn, as they say, but you can enjoy the same satisfaction and obtain the same feeling of closure that I have enjoyed in completing another partial artifact. Here's where I really thank the ladies for listening! You can mail it to The Historical Society or, better yet, bring it in on a Monday morning and get the full tour, or whatever you can stand. Thank you, Ladies.

MARCH 21

Now that spring is just around the corner, we can look forward once again to enjoying the sights and sounds which accompany the season. It won't be long before we'll see our state flower starting to bloom and the state insect buzzing in our gardens.

The Purple Violet was adopted as the state flower in 1913, the same year that the Eastern Goldfinch was named state bird. It wasn't until years later, in 1950, that the Red Oak was designated the state tree and finally, in 1977, the Honey Bee became our state insect. We all know that the State Dinosaur is Haddonfield's Hadrosaurus foulkii. Hopefully, with the warmer spring weather, we'll be able to walk through town and visit our famous oldest resident.

*You are cordially invited to attend
the annual Candlelight Dinner
of the Historical Society of Haddonfield
Tavistock Country Club
Wednesday Evening, March 28, 2007
Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.
Program: Carolinn Skyler
and the Glass Armonica*

Dinner Menu

*Signature Caesar Salad with Garlic Toasted Croutons
Tomato Bisque Soup
Grilled Petit Filet Mignon or
Fresh Fillet of Flounder Stuffed with Shrimp & Crabmeat
Medley of Fresh Garden Vegetables
Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes
Rolls, Fresh Creamery Butter and Margarine
Lemon Chiffon Pie
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea*

RESERVATION FORM FOR THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER, MARCH 28, 2007

Reservations at \$50.00 per person to be sent to
The Historical Society, 343 King's Highway East.

Please RSVP by March 26. Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor reservations after that date.

Name _____

Address _____

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Choice of Entrees

Number attending at \$50 per person _____

Filet Mignon _____

Total _____

Fillet of Flounder _____

If you have any dietary problems, please let us know by calling the office at 856-429-7375 no later than March 21.
Tavistock will be able to accommodate you only if we are notified in advance.

Reserved seating will not be available.

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our new members.

We look forward to greeting you at all of our Society functions.

Mary Lou Adams Jeffrey J Edson Susan Briant (new librarian) Peggy Marks

LIFE Stuart Harting

Please use the following application form for new members.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD 2005-2006

I (We) would like to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$ 25.00 |
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SOCIETY GOALS

Membership renewal forms will be mailed during the month of April. We are asking our members to please respond to the first mailing in order to save extra postage which we'd otherwise have to spend. Our membership has been hovering around the 500 mark for years, a far cry from the expectation of the founders of the Society 93 years ago. At that time they anticipated that all the residents of our community would belong and participate in the activities. You can help by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join. Take them on a tour of Greenfield Hall, invite them to one of our functions and give them a membership form!

It is only through the efforts of the members of our Society that Greenfield Hall continues to be the invaluable community resource it is today. The Society receives no funding of any source – not from the Borough of Haddonfield, the State of New Jersey or the federal government. Greenfield Hall and the Samuel Mickle House are maintained through membership fees and through fund-raising activities organized and carried out by the members.

The objectives set back in 1914 were “to study the history of our area, to collect and preserve articles of historic value, to establish an historical library and to publish, from time to time, historical information as may be deemed expedient.” We are proud to report that the Society has more than met these goals.

Greenfield Hall houses collections of furniture, needlework, dolls, tools, costumes and early glass and china. The mansion is open for tours three afternoons a week and on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. The library in the Mickle House has a wealth of rare books, early manuscripts, maps and deeds, all available to the public for research purposes. Books and pamphlets have been produced by the Society over the years and the *Bulletin*, published four times a year, contains not only news of ongoing events but also interesting accounts of past events and the people who lived in our area. Exhibits, special events, celebrations and fund-raising activities are held. All of these accomplishments are the result of volunteers planning and working together for the good, not only of the Society, but also the community.

The only goal not yet met is the goal set by the founders, Julia Bedford Gill, James Lane Pennypacker and Samuel Nicholson Rhoads, that some day, every man, woman and child in Haddonfield would be a member of the organization.

With your help, we can work toward accomplishing that goal.

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